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KENTUCKY STATE DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
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**Response Due Date**  
**02/17/2015**

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00011197

REFERENCE: AMENDED 12 DAY PRE-GENERAL REPORT (10/01/2014 -  
10/15/2014), RECEIVED 12/29/2014

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 2 item(s):

1. The limitation on making coordinated party expenditures on behalf of a Senate candidate in the State of Kentucky for the 2014 general election is \$319,500.00. Your reports, however, disclose coordinated party expenditures made on behalf of Alison Grimes totaling \$481,046.43, which appear to exceed the limitations under 52 U.S.C. §30116(d) (formerly 2 U.S.C. §441a(d)) (see attached).

If any apparently excessive expenditure in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information.

If you have made an excessive coordinated party expenditure, you must notify the candidate and request a refund of the amount in excess of the limitation.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action promptly in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund request sent to the candidate. In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received.

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the

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excessive coordinated party expenditures, prompt action in obtaining a refund will be taken into consideration. (11 CFR §103.3(b)(1) and (3))

2. Schedule F discloses Calendar Year-To-Date Per Election total(s) for Alison Grimes which appear to be incorrect. Please amend your report to provide the correct total(s) on Schedule F. (52 U.S.C. §30104(b)(4) (formerly 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(4)) and 11 CFR §104.4(f))

**Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter.** Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.**

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1133.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Morse", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Christopher Morse  
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst  
Reports Analysis Division

**Excessive Coordinated Party Expenditures**  
**Kentucky State Democratic Central Executive Committee (C00011197)**

**Coordinated Expenditures Supporting Alison Grimes**

<b>Vendor Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Report</b>
Instant Signs	8/28/14	\$973.62	Amended 2014 September Monthly
Instant Signs	8/28/14	\$527.88	Amended 2014 September Monthly
Instant Signs	8/28/14	\$152.64	Amended 2014 September Monthly
Elite Graphics	8/28/14	\$519.40	Amended 2014 September Monthly
Elite Graphics	8/28/14	\$1,091.80	Amended 2014 September Monthly
Elite Graphics	8/28/14	\$959.30	Amended 2014 September Monthly
Elite Graphics	8/28/14	\$132.50	Amended 2014 September Monthly
Elite Graphics	8/28/14	\$26.50	Amended 2014 September Monthly
Branham Productions	8/28/14	\$800.00	Amended 2014 September Monthly
Phillips Mitchell Photography	8/29/14	\$643.18	Amended 2014 September Monthly
Farley Printing	9/2/14	\$1,823.73	Amended 2014 October Monthly
Kennedy Communications Llc	9/9/14	\$31,896.00	Amended 2014 October Monthly
Kennedy Communications Llc	9/12/14	\$30,000.00	Amended 2014 October Monthly
US Postmaster - Louisville	9/24/14	\$13,158.59	Amended 2014 October Monthly
Elite Graphics	9/24/14	\$26,197.90	Amended 2014 October Monthly
Elite Graphics	9/24/14	\$4,134.00	Amended 2014 October Monthly
Kennedy Communications Llc	9/24/14	\$33,000.00	Amended 2014 October Monthly
US Postmaster - Lexington	9/26/14	\$220.00	Amended 2014 October Monthly
Elite Graphics	9/26/14	\$4,210.32	Amended 2014 October Monthly
Bluegrass Communications	9/26/14	\$285.75	Amended 2014 October Monthly
US Postmaster - Lexington	9/29/14	\$500.00	Amended 2014 October Monthly
Kennedy Communications Llc	9/30/14	\$78,000.00	Amended 2014 October Monthly
Kennedy Communications Llc	10/6/14	\$30,000.00	Amended 2014 12 Day Pre-General
Kennedy Communications Llc	10/10/14	\$74,000.00	Amended 2014 12 Day Pre-General
The Courier Journal	10/10/14	\$23,500.00	Amended 2014 12 Day Pre-General
Lexington Herald Leader	10/10/14	\$25,077.00	Amended 2014 12 Day Pre-General
Elite Graphics	10/10/14	\$21,984.00	Amended 2014 12 Day Pre-General
Bluegrass Communications	10/10/14	\$16,195.32	Amended 2014 12 Day Pre-General
Kennedy Communications Llc	10/14/14	\$61,037.00	Amended 2014 12 Day Pre-General